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atives of the chamber of mines, and certain government experts. The town council of Johannesburg has voted \$25,000 for the initial expenses of the commission. A cordon has been drawn round the coolie quarter where the epidemic originated and it is said that as soon as the inmates can be removed the quarter is to be burned to the ground. The whole town is to be subjected to strict sanitary supervision. Chinese are prohibited from leaving the town without a permit.

### *Health of Italian and other cities.*

According to a report of the local office of hygiene and public sanitation of Naples, the rate of mortality per 10,000 inhabitants from acute infectious disease during the last quarter of the year 1903 for certain cities was as follows: Naples, 4; Turin, 6.43; Genoa, 5.14; Rome, 7.41; Milan, 9.89; Venice, 8.47; Trieste, 9.20; Nice, 7.16; Paris, 6.55; Brussels, 8.31; Berlin, 6.58; Vienna, 7.02; London, 11.33; Monaco, 6.19; Budapest, 15.31, and Madrid, 30.62. The mortality figures for pulmonary tuberculosis for each 10,000 inhabitants are given as follows: Naples, 15.88; Rome, 17.15; Milan, 23.27; Turin, 23.58; Genoa, 25.12; London, 15.97; Brussels, 17.31; Berlin, 19.81; Trieste, 38.75; Nice, 32.04; Paris, 38.97; Vienna, 34.14, and Budapest, 33.54.

### *Meteorological conditions.*

The monthly meteorological bulletin of Naples shows that the mean annual temperature of Naples is  $16.43^{\circ}\text{C}$ . The mean for the warmest month, namely, July, is  $34.94^{\circ}\text{C}$ ., and for the coldest month, January,  $8.64^{\circ}\text{C}$ . According to the report, the mean interdiurnal variation of temperature, which occurs in the month of May, is  $1.3^{\circ}\text{C}$ . The minimum is  $8^{\circ}\text{C}$ ., and the maximum  $4.9^{\circ}\text{C}$ . An interdiurnal variation exceeding  $2^{\circ}\text{C}$ . does not occur in 56.4 days during the year, and one exceeding  $4^{\circ}$  happens 4.9 days only. An interdiurnal variation of more than  $4^{\circ}$  is a rarity.

### *Inspection of vessels—Plague report, Hongkong—Plague in Johannesburg and Bombay.*

Week ended April 9, 1904.

#### NAPLES.

Date.	Name of ship.	Destination.	Steerage passengers inspected and passed.	Pieces of large baggage inspected and passed.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.	Number of steerage passengers recommended for rejection.
Apr. 6	Sardegna .....	New York .....	865	45	915	7
7	Equita .....	do .....	853	40	1,218	20
8	Canopic .....	Boston .....	1,658	250	1,921	24
9	Italia .....	New York .....	1,426	130	1,419	22
9	Napolitan Prince .....	do .....	403	35	705	11

### *Plague report from Hongkong.*

An account of the efforts of the colonial authorities to cooperate with the Chinese inhabitants of Hongkong is given by Sir Henry